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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROVIDES E-MAIL WILDLIFE INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is now providing electronic mail versions of its latest news releases, bulletins, and other wildlife conservation information through the Internet.

"We invite anyone interested in wildlife conservation to subscribe," John Rogers, acting director of the Service, said. "This 'one-way street' to rapidly distribute wildlife information grew out of a desire to provide more timely information to the news media and cut operational costs. This investment in Internet technology reflects the Service's continuing search for ways to use technology to improve communications."

To subscribe to this service, send an e-mail message to "majordomo@www.fws.gov" with "subscribe fws-news" (quotes not entered) in the body of the message. Leave the subject line blank. Sending a separate message to the "majordomo" address with "info fws-news" in the body will result in a listing of options and commands recognized by the server. Please note that subscribers can't respond to or send their own messages to the list.

Questions concerning a news release should be directed to the person or office listed as the contact. Representatives of the news media who subscribe to the new electronic service should contact Mitch Snow (mitch_snow@mail.fws.gov) in the Office of Media Services (phone 202-208-5634) so the Service can remove their names from the paper mailing list. Comments or observations concerning server operation should be directed to Craig Rieben (craig_rieben@mail.fws.gov).

The agency also maintains a separate "dial a file" library server. Send a message to "R9IRMLIB@mail.fws.gov" to reach this server. Type "SEND HELP" (quotes not entered) on the subject line and you will be sent a user's guide including a current index of topics. To receive a specific document, type "SEND" on the subject line and the document name as listed in the index. No text is necessary in the body of the message.

Internet users with access to the World Wide Web can find a wide range of additional information at <http://www.fws.gov/>, the Service's "home page."

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Among the resources available through the Service's home page are:

- o Status information on endangered species (<http://www.fws.gov/ESA/~r9endspp.html>) and background on several popular animals including the California condor, the West Indian manatee, and the gray wolf (<http://www.fws.gov/wildspp.html>).
- o Images of Federal Duck Stamps (<http://www.fws.gov/~r9dso/homedk.html>).
- o Digital maps of the Nation's wetlands (<http://www.nwi.fws.gov/>).
- o Visitor's information for units of the National Wildlife Refuge System (<http://bluegoose.arw.r9.fws.gov/>).
- o Employment announcements (<http://www.usgs.gov/doi/avads/announcements/index.html>).
- o Press releases (<http://www.fws.gov/~r9extaff/renews.html>).

The home page and other information sources on the Internet are constantly being improved. Recent enhancements to the home page include addition of a key word search of news releases and speeches, wildlife background and research from the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, and the agency's Washington (DC) Office phone book.